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Teachers vote to strike

Should contract negotiations fail elementary teachers say they'll strike

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Joining thousands of their colleagues from across the province, 96.3% of local members of the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario voted in favour of a strike should contract negotia-

tions with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board break-down.

The vote was held on Wednesday.

Thirty of the province's 32 union locals have voted in favour of a strike; the other two are still in negotiations.

Four meetings with Trillium Lakelands have been scheduled between now and the second week of April.

In other jurisdictions, teachers have said they will start a work-to-rule campaign on March 1; local teachers said they would not do anything until after the

March break.

The main sticking point in negotiations is the amount of weekly preparation time teachers will be given. The Ministry of Education funds the school board for 137 hours. Local teachers get 140 hours but they want 200 hours.



Darren Lum/TIMES

Feet first, smile follows

ASES electives' outdoor winter activity brought smiles to participants like Billy Vanstone, just swinging around. For more photos, see page 14.

North Steel the 'bones' of industry

Lochlin company helping build new grocery store

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

North Steel has come a long way since its beginnings in 1986. Five years after it got its start in a barn in Ingoldsby, it moved to its impressive new quarters on County Road 1 in the "suburbs" of Lochlin.

North Steel is described as a "family-oriented business" by owners Hans Walter and his wife

Erika. They consider the 20 people who work at North Steel as members of their extended family.

The Walters came to Canada from Stuttgart, Germany in 1985. They had met the owner of a farm in Ingoldsby and agreed to look after, and rent, the farm while the owner was in Germany.

"I had worked in the steel industry all my life, mostly in sales - working between the cus-

tomers and the mill," says Hans, who earned an engineering degree in Germany. While he was looking after the farm, he recognized the need for someone to supply steel, mostly for commercial and industrial use, and converted the barn for steel fabrication and as a warehouse.

"We built up the business from there," he says.

By the dawn of the 1990s it

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Teacher interested in buying the Frost

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

A potential buyer of the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre is proposing the establishment of a new non-profit outdoor education training facility.

Mike Unsworth drove through the freezing rain last Monday to meet with the Frost Centre working committee to discuss his proposal. His partner, Eric Cartledge, could not attend the meeting.

Unsworth is a teacher in the public school system and Cartledge is a professional outdoor educator. He says they have been interested in starting an outdoor education centre but had not made specific plans until they heard of the closure of the Frost last summer.

"When we heard, we thought the Frost would be perfect. We've both taught mountain biking and rock climbing and want to combine outdoor activities with educational development," says Unsworth.

Unsworth says he and his partner are interested in taking on the whole 40 acres that have been declared surplus to the provincial government and all of the buildings associated with the Frost

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Township wants full-time fire chief

In wake of Algonquin Highlands announcement, Minden Hills wants chief, too

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed by Minden Hills council last Thursday.

At an in-camera meeting, council came to the consensus that Minden Hills needs a full-time fire chief. The role has been filled on a temporary basis for the past year by Doug Schell, but the announcement means that council will be following the example of Algonquin Highlands, which recently hired their own first full-time chief (John Hogg).

Councillor Cheryl Murdock says it's too early to know whether council will employ an independent selection committee for the hiring process, a method Algonquin Highlands used to avoid bias in hiring local candidates.

Fire Marshall

Don Egan, Fire Protection Adviser from the Ontario Fire Marshall Office, reported his findings from a survey he conducted on Minden Hills fire operations. He com-

mended Schell upon his reviews and updates of department's policies but said the township should complete a simplified risk assessment by the fall of 2005. He also recommended the township draw up a master fire plan and execute routine fire inspections of local high-risk buildings, such as school and motels.

In other fire news, council congratulated Schell on attaining a certificate of achievement from the Ontario Fire College. Schell attended the three-day course at the Gravenhurst college last September. Schell also advised council that the department now has 19 personnel that are certified first responders.

Family Fun Night

Council approved a donation of up to \$500 for the annual Family Fun Night, to be held at the Minden Fairgrounds at a date to be announced.

The township will also provide in-kind services, such as washrooms, lights, and if necessary, snowplow services.

Council also approved a donation of \$1,200 to help the Minden Food Bank cover their insurance costs.

Gallery Curator

Laurie Carmount, administrator and curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, requested that council restructure the gallery's distribution of labour. Carmount wants to reduce her hourly wage from \$18 per hour to \$16.64

and devote herself entirely to her duties as curator. The move would make room for a new part-time centre director that would be employed for 900 hours at \$18 per hour.

Although the new position will be an added expense for the township, Carmount says the new position will allow someone to concentrate on revenue creation for the centre, thereby lessening the cultural centre's dependence on the township in the future.

"It's very difficult for one person to fulfil both roles. It's just a logical step to break the two apart," said Carmount.

Home Support Services

Donna MacDonald, Executive Director of Haliburton County Home Support Services, asked the township for a financial contribution toward its local programs. The non-profit charitable organization has been providing support services to seniors and physically disabled adults in Haliburton County for almost 25 years.

"The disproportionately large senior population places a great burden on the Health Services in this region than on the provincial norm. We want to be able to keep our seniors out of hospital beds for as long as we possibly can," said MacDonald.

The agency needs to raise \$31,000 in order to qualify for additional funding from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

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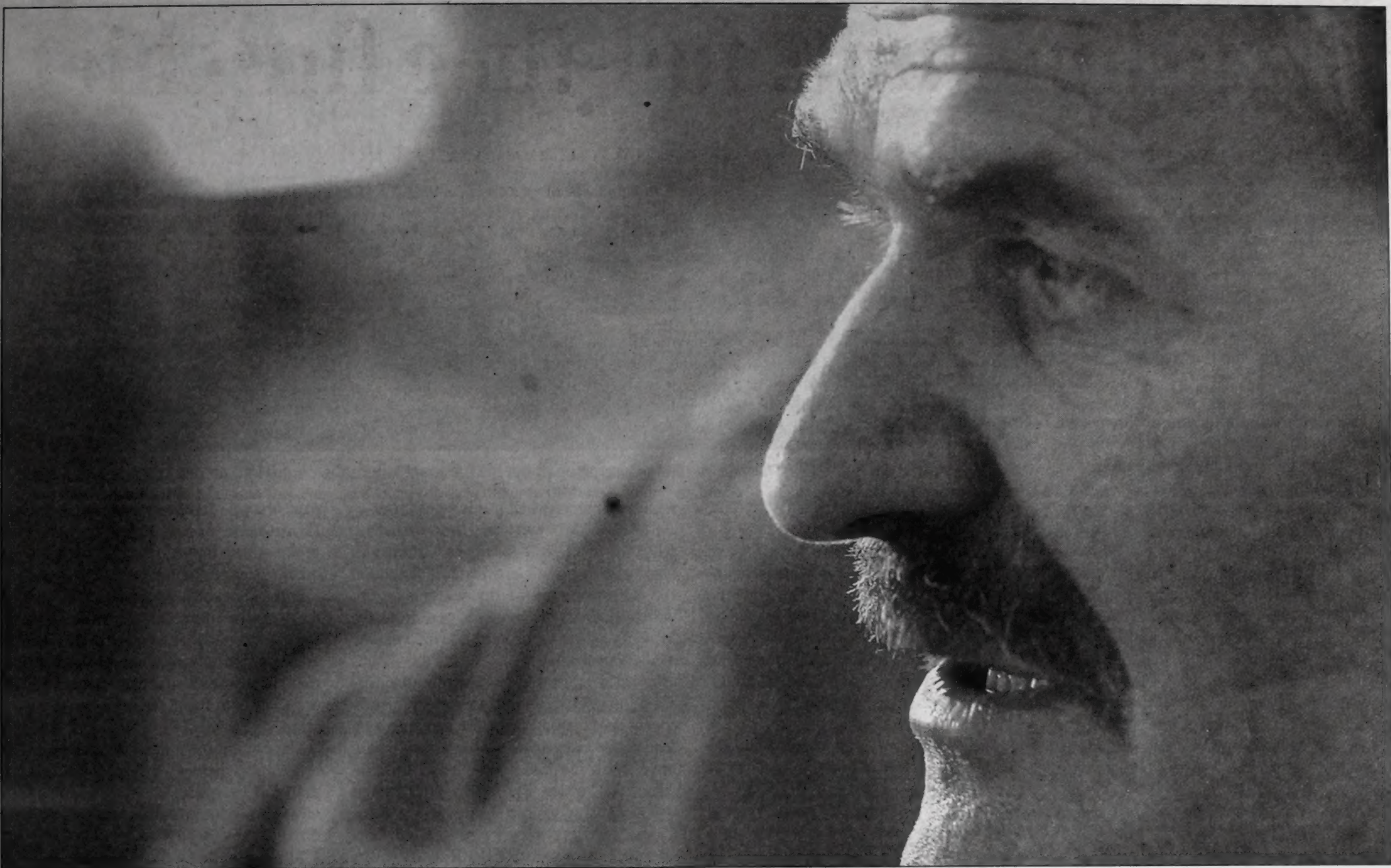
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Hans and Erika Walters of North Steel "like the area. We can employ local people and what we do has to be loaded onto a truck and transported anyway, whether it's 100 metres or 100 kilometres." (Photos, Darren Lum.)

Steel biz builds industrial world's skeletons

'We do the skeleton ... the bones,' says Hans Walter

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became clear that a new, bigger facility was needed. A proposed expansion at the Ingoldsby site met with local opposition, so a new location had to be found. Five acres on the south side of Lochlin fit the bill nicely and a building was constructed in 1991.

Hans said he is often asked "Why Minden?"

His reply: "We like the area. We can employ local people and what we do has to be loaded onto a truck and transported anyway, whether it's 100 metres or 100 kilometres."

The lower taxes and overhead associated with the rural setting help to offset the transportation costs.

Fabrication and construction of steel industrial and commercial building frames account for about 90 per cent of North Steel's business. Half of the employees work at the Lochlin site fabricating the steel framework and the other 10 go to the building sites to do the installations. Projects range in size to 100,000 square feet. "We do the skeleton... the bones," he says.

A small part of the business is supplying steel to welders from the area or fabricating smaller steel parts and materials. "Because we already have the machinery, we can provide services that wouldn't otherwise be available around here," Hans said. The North Steel shop has industrial-sized cutting, bending, punching, welding, forming, drilling and other types of



Erika Walters is called the "mother" of the company.

machinery, some of which the average machine shop couldn't justify buying.

Most of North Steel's business is in Central Ontario, from Barrie and Orillia to Peterborough and up to Huntsville and beyond. Barrie, which is growing faster than other centres in the district, accounts for the lion's share of North Steel's business. So much so that a satellite office has been set up there. "We have a very good relationship with contractors in Barrie," Hans says.

Very few buildings in this immediate area are big enough to require the type of work done by North Steel. The new grocery store in Haliburton is one building that will have its frame built and installed by North Steel. Another example of the work done by North Steel is the bridge in Head Lake Park, which was constructed at the Lochlin site, trucked to the site and installed with a crane.

An interesting small project was a church steeple, complete with a stainless steel cross.

The North Steel shop can handle I-beams up to 60 feet long and weighing five tons.

North Steel has its own trucks and an eight-ton crane but if a project requires something larger than can safely be handled, a contractor with the appropriate equipment is commissioned. Hans keeps the work local as much as possible, with Hawk River Construction supplying some equipment when necessary.

Hans does the drafting, estimating and supervising of the fabrication and installation processes. "I make sure the chimney smokes," he says with a smile. He has to make sure there is enough to keep everyone busy and at the same time make sure he doesn't get committed to doing more than his workforce can handle. There have to be enough jobs ahead so the busi-

ness doesn't come to a grinding halt if, for instance, a site isn't prepared according to schedule and his field crew has to wait until another contractor completes his part of a project. Hans admits it can be a balancing act at times.

Time can often be a consideration and the pressure to get a job done on time can't be allowed to get in the way of quality.

"Quality is very important," Hans said. Everything is inspected. The business is licensed by the Canadian Welding Bureau.

Safety is always foremost, especially when workers are dealing with and moving material that weighs many tons. "Safety standards are always changing. They are much stricter now than they were even 10 years ago." Making sure safety equipment is available and used appropriately and ensuring that everybody is aware of the regulations and follows them to the letter have kept the company accident free.

While Hans takes care of operations, Erika manages the North Steel office, doing the necessary paper work, answering the telephone and other managerial duties.

Hans and Erika were married in Germany. They will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary this year.

They both enjoy outdoor activities. Hans is an avid soccer player and cross-country skier. Erika does a bit of cross-country skiing, gardening and swimming

in the lake at their home in the summer. She also enjoys cooking, reading and aerobic classes. She is currently taking a course in caring for elderly people, which is something that has always interested her.

They both like to travel when time permits.

"I am a businesswoman. I did an apprenticeship in business in Germany," Erika said. "I'm very open. They call me the mother of the company. I fight for what's right."

Every summer a company party is held at the Lochlin site. "The children learn where their parents work. We have games and a barbecue," Hans said.

"Last summer we had over 60 people here," Erika said.

The Walters used to host a Christmas party, but it often excluded the youngsters and young families who had other plans and obligations over the Christmas season. So they moved the company get-together to the summer.

Hans and Erika have two children. Michael is in Peterborough and Angelika is in Toronto. Neither is interested in taking over the business when their parents are ready to retire.

With regard to the economy, Hans said, "Everything depends on the interest rate. If the interest rate is low, people are more inclined to build."

Meanwhile, his own future is firmly tied to Haliburton.

"This business is a dream for me," Hans says. "I'm going to do it as long as I can."

Money big question with Frost's new suitor

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Centre's main campus. He says the plan is to establish a board of directors from the local community and the broader community of users.

He visited the Frost as a student and wants to reinstate educational programs with direct links to the Ontario curriculum. Cartlidge has also spent a lot of time doing outdoor teaching at the Frost over the years. He is also interested in bringing back the Frost Centre's former clients such as the OPP. Unsworth told the committee that he understands there was a level of provincial subsidy for clients from the provincial government. He says they want to tap in to the corporate training business as well.

Unsworth said that for more than 10 years he successfully operated Unzy Productions, a film/television production company. He says that experience taught him the business, marketing, and management skills needed to undertake this new venture. He says an aggressive marketing, fundraising and sponsorship campaign would be launched.

Margaret Casey, committee member, told him he was "saying all the right things" but she asked him to explain how he planned on financing the venture. She also said she was not sure he had a clear understanding of how massive an undertaking the management of the facility would be.

Unsworth says that since he has not seen the balance sheet or financial data from the former Frost Centre, he and his partner have not established a budget. He says they are also waiting to learn more



Mike Unsworth talks to the Frost Centre Working Committee about his proposal to turn the centre into an outdoor education facility.

details about the cost of installing a new drinking water system.

However, Unsworth says he has been dealing with a bank and is getting financial resources organized but did say he would also be relying to some extent on fundraising.

He has board members in mind who would assist with the operation, although those individuals have not been confirmed yet because Unsworth says he felt it would be premature to approach them. He assured Casey that he does understand he is proposing "a huge endeavour." Unsworth says he and his partner would like to turn the operation of the Frost into a career.

Unsworth did not have details for the committee because he and Cartlidge first need more information from the committee before they can put together a detailed business plan.

Hubert Labelle, Ontario Realty Corporation facility services vice-president, says the dollar value of the Frost Centre will be established within this month and any equipment currently remaining at the Frost will remain there until the transfer to a new operator. He suggested that if the equipment "comple-

mented" the proposed use it would stay.

Labelle also warned Unsworth that whoever takes over the Frost Centre will also have to get a Certificate of Approval for the operation of the water system, which includes a septage lagoon, from the Ministry of the Environment which can be a costly procedure.

Labelle gave the committee an enormous binder containing the water system specs, the evaluation of the existing system and the engineer's report that would have been the basis for the \$2 million "Cadillac" water system the government was proposing to install prior to the Frost Centre's closure. Casey says she will pursue an estimated cost with a Muskoka engineer for a system that is not necessarily a "Cadillac." That information will be made available to proponents.

Unsworth says that if the cost of refurbishing the water system and maintaining the buildings is too much for a non-profit to handle, then he and his partner will consider operating their proposed centre on a for-profit basis. He says they would like to subsidize their cost by leasing space at the facility and promoting it as a conference facility.

Unsworth is interested in working with

partners who may have an interest in the Frost Centre such as Friends of the Frost, groups using the ski trails, water trails and other resources in the area.

After Unsworth addressed the committee, Labelle suggested that they arrange for any proponents to meet each other for an information session with the committee. He says that may be a forum for the proponents to form partnerships with like-minded people.

The committee agreed to arrange such a meeting as well as a list of information that will be made available to groups or individuals interested in taking over the Frost Centre.

The committee will be working with the ORC to finalize a formal Request for Expression of Interest on Operating the Frost Centre that will be extensively advertised.

The committee received the good news from Labelle that since advertising this request is a process the ORC would normally take on as part of the sale of a property, the ORC will pay the cost.

David Gibson, the committee's consultant, suggested a deadline of March 12 for the expressions of interest to be received but that date has not been finalized.



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County councillors reveal their paycheques

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday's county council meeting.

As required by law, the county has compiled a list of what each councillor was paid in 2004. The eight councillors – the reeve and deputy-reeve from each municipality – get paid a base amount plus additional monies for attending meetings, as well as mileage. (They also get paid by their municipality.)

The following are the county councillors' per diem payments.

Warden Bill Davis (the warden receives a higher base rate): \$20,054 plus \$3,423 in mileage for a total of \$23,478.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey: \$12,775 plus \$1,652 in mileage for a total of \$14,426.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison: \$11,825 plus \$2,175 in mileage for a total of \$14,000.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon: \$11,875 plus \$777 in mileage for a total of \$12,652.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Bill Howe: \$9,574 plus \$2,150 in mileage for a total of \$11,725.

Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney: \$10,925 plus \$797 in mileage for a total of \$11,722.

Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman: \$9,275 plus \$1,839 in mileage for a total of \$11,114.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Tom

Gardner: \$10,175 plus \$895 in mileage for a total of \$11,070.

Chamber lease

The county has agreed to lease the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce information centre on Hwy 35 in Minden for the next nine months. It will pay the Chamber \$1,000 a month, which will include utilities.

Starting April 1, the county will take over the job of marketing the county from the Chamber.

Roads spending

In 2004 the county's road department spent \$2,081,000 on maintenance and \$1,927,000 on construction.

With a surplus on the former and deficit on the latter, the roads department has a \$23,830 deficit on its entire budget.

911

Cathy Howse has been hired as the 911 clerk and Rob Dellane will remain on staff until the end of the year. One of his jobs is to ensure that all signs are up. Dave Johnson, who is currently checking on defective signs, will likely remain on contract until early summer.

The 911 department has moved into the lower level of the county building. It was previously in the registry office building.

1-800 number

Fearrey asked administration to look into the costs of a toll-free telephone number for residents who must pay long-distance rates to call the county office.

Cycling could put Haliburton on tourists' map, enthusiast says

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Other areas are riding away with all the tourism potential for cycling and Pam Marsales wants to put Haliburton County on the cycling community's map.

She received county council's blessing to apply for funding under the Community Economic Development Committee to do a study on the county's cycling possibilities.

In her research about the rail corridor, Marsales says she's built up a large library of information about what other communities are doing to attract cyclists. She'd like the time and resources to compile a planning document about how some of those ideas can be implemented here.

"This is a cycling plan for the entire county," she said. "It will be a substantial planning document that can be used for immediate short-term actions this summer and on into the future. It can be used to apply for other funding. It makes applying for this other funding a snap."

Some ideas include inn-to-inn cycling tours and bicycle rentals.

"It will suggest ways to dovetail cycling with existing attractions, such as a cycling tour package designed to coincide with the School of the Arts

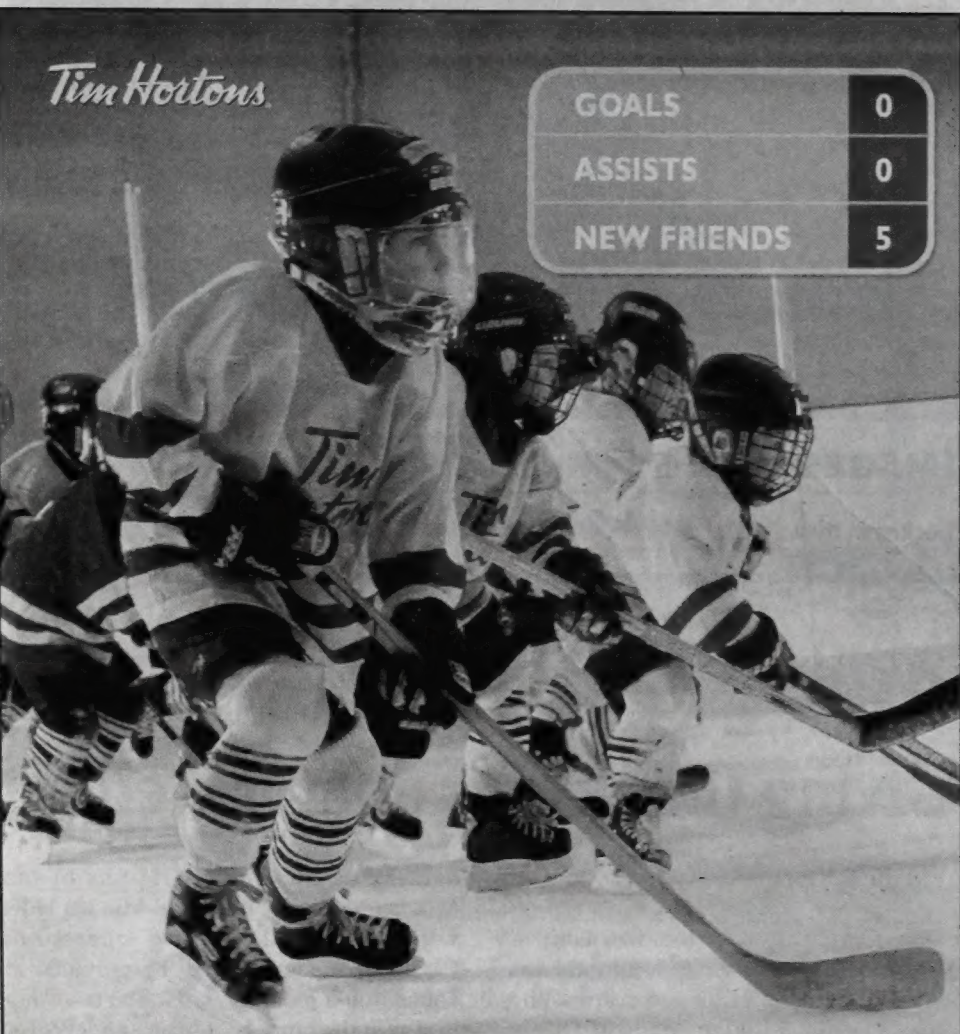


Pam Marsales is going to ask for funding from the Haliburton County Development Corporation to do a study of the county's potential as a destination for cyclists.

class week, to give other family members a reason to come along."

She's asking for a \$2,500 grant through the Haliburton County Development Corporation. The deadline for applications is February 28.

Council agreed, saying the project should be under the impetus of Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network.



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Changing Times

The people whose names appear on the 'masthead' at the top of this page occupy an unusual territory in their working lives. The process of creating *The Times* every week to unalterable deadlines involves many private hours. Reporters sit in quiet offices, sometimes long after normal business hours, poring over notes, making telephone calls, and transferring their thoughts into text on computers. Ad production staff also work apart from the public eye, drawing on their creative talents to help businesses and organizations communicate effectively with readers. The endless administrative details of the newspaper are also more part of its private than its public face. Yet the product the staff creates, out of the materials of the community, is public. And while we sometimes wish that the nature and complexity of the process were better understood, especially by those who take issue with us from time to time, we are glad that a great many people see value in our efforts. The partnership among readers, advertisers and the newspaper's staff is what makes *The Times* possible.

In the past few days we have been reminded yet again that our role as a public institution is much more important to most people, and much better understood, than is the business of newspapering. So we want to use this opportunity to assure our loyal readers, and the community at large, that there are no plans now, or in the foreseeable future, to stop creating *The Times* as a unique newspaper with a unique focus and presentation. We are, however, making changes that we believe will ensure that promise can be fulfilled.

When, as owner and publisher of *The Times* and *The Echo*, I accepted a purchase offer from Osprey Media Group Inc., Ontario's largest newspaper group, with 21 dailies and 34 weeklies in 50 markets across the province, I did so with the knowledge that, while much would stay the same, many things, inevitably, also would change. And in the six months since the sale, they have.

Yet on a day-to-day basis, we operate just as we did before, with the same commitment to quality, the same desire to make award-winning papers, the same passion for life in the Highlands, and the same desire to do work that has real value for the community. As always, our challenge is to do that as effectively and as efficiently as we can, two aspects of the newspaper business that can sometimes be in conflict. As in any business, our future depends on serving the marketplace well and making an acceptable return on investment.

Last week we said farewell to our colleague and friend, Jerry Grozelle, who accepted a buyout package from Osprey and will seek new challenges. A proud and gracious man, with an admirably positive attitude and a quiet but constant sense of humour, Jerry has made many friends in the community during his eleven years at *The Times*. His contributions to the newspaper, his love of Minden, and his gentlemanly presence among the newspaper team will be missed.

To make the best use of our human, computer and technical resources, we began, this week, to create both newspapers at our office in Haliburton. We believe this will make the production process more efficient, reduce the likelihood of errors, especially in the advertising which is our lifeblood, and perhaps (we can only hope) take a tiny bit of stress out of our lives.

The initiative to bring production and editorial resources together for both papers came from us, as a team. It was not an Osprey initiative, and it does not, as I have said, in any way mean that we care less about *The Times* today than we did last week or last year. In fact, we are extremely proud of *The Times*. And our efforts have once again been validated by our industry peers. Combined, *The Times* and *The Echo* are finalists for ten awards in the Ontario Community Newspapers' Association Better Newspapers competition this year. *The Times* and *The Echo* are in the running for the best community newspapers in Ontario in their respective circulation categories. Final results will be announced in April, but in the meantime, as this issue you are reading proves, we are committed to making the best newspapers we can, now and for the foreseeable future.

Len Pizzezy, Publisher

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Giving thanks for doctors' clinic

To the Editor:

The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills is pleased to inform the residents of Minden Hills and surrounding areas that the Minden Medical Clinic, under the care of Dr. Wu and Dr. Campioni, opened for business on January 29, 2005 at the same location as the previous Minden Medical Clinic. The hours of operation are Monday through Thursday (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) and they can be reached at 286-1500 or 286-2001.

Council would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone whom participated in re establishing the Minden Medical Clinic, and in particular, Dr. Wu, Dr. Campioni and Dr. Roos, for the smooth transition.

The medical receptionist, Rhonda Griffin, has agreed to remain on to man-

age the day-to-day operations of the Minden Medical Clinic, and Minden Hills will oversee the entire operation. Financial statements will be provided to council on a monthly basis. The township is also in the process of hiring an RPN for two days a week.

Council also wishes to thank the Haliburton Highlands Health Services for their consideration in waiving the rental fee for the first 90 days. Council would personally like to thank Lynn Hill of Multi-Link Business Services and Consulting, for her efficiency and professionalism in streamlining the operation.

Once again, council is delighted that the Minden Medical Clinic is continuing and we wish the clinic all the very best in this future endeavour and partnership.

Ross Rigney, Reeve,
Minden Hills

IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Doing what comes naturally

LATELY, THERE'S BEEN a lot of buzz about the same-sex marriage issue and what is and isn't natural. As an outdoorsman, I've got to tell you that this doesn't interest me a bit - live and let live, I say. This, by the way, also explains my shooting skills quite neatly.

But while these types of issues rarely hold my interest, I am a keen follower of wholesome stories originating in the natural world. That's why I find a recent news piece about the plight of gay penguins in a European zoo so darn endearing. I mean, it's practically Disney movie material.

First off though, there seems to be some debate as to whether the penguins in question are actually gay at all. Some people don't buy that. I mean, just because the males in question ignore hot, young sexually-receptive females, choosing instead to frolic merrily by the pool with their buddies while eating sushi and wearing meticulously kept tuxedos is no reason to assume that they are... uh, never

mind.

Okay, so they might be. I won't judge them. It does, however, make me wonder if other animals share this predilection - peacocks immediately come to mind.

Then there are those Tom turkeys that we hunters chase each spring. Oh sure, they look so butch. Right up until they strut their stuff. Come to think of it, they hang out in bachelor groups, too, where they preen, bump chests, wear spurs, and display their tails a whole lot while vying for the title of dominant gobbler. Hmmm? Innocent natural behaviour or the stuff that Siegfried and Roy dream of?

But back to the zoo. When the zookeepers tried to separate the - let's call them flamboyant - penguins from each other in hopes that they'd forget their preferences and



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Steve Galea

take to doing what comes naturally, an unexpected public uproar began. All sorts of fringe groups, representing the interests of gay animals everywhere, campaigned and lobbied the zookeepers asking them to let the birds be. To this I say thank goodness there are still people in this world willing to fight for the really important causes.

Anyway, the pressure was such that the zoo relented and now the penguins are all back together, presumably giving their cage a fabulous

makeover while designing a new spring line of tuxedos. I imagine it as the penguin version of *La Cage Aux Folles*.

Fascinating, I guess, but as an outdoorsman, I'd like to believe that this whole animal homosexuality thing doesn't even exist - not for reasons of

prejudice but rather ego.

I'd like to think, for instance, that the big buck I shot a few years back was as macho as they come - a walking advertisement for antler growth and testosterone. Then again, I'd like to believe that the doe I shot last year was sort of butch for about the very same reasons. It makes for a better story at hunt camp, that's all.

Aside from those minor concerns, animal sexuality doesn't concern me one whit. Believe it or not, if two same-sex penguins were to get married, it wouldn't have a great impact on my life. And if two humans did the same thing, it'd probably have even less of an effect - this stuff is that far removed from my world. Of course, as open-minded as I am, I still wouldn't wish it on my hunting dog. People are harsh critics and they get a bad enough rap just from sniffing each other. The dogs, I mean...

Still, all this begs the question: Do homosexual lions have Gay Pride Day? If so, I bet the parade would be wild...

The studded tire solutions

WHEN A BUSLOAD of children on its way to Archie Stouffer Elementary School hit a patch of black ice one day last week, there was no stopping it.

The driver had no more chance of avoiding a rollover than Times reporter Sheryl Loucks had of not wrecking her car when she went into a skid on County Road 14 last fall.

Those accidents probably didn't need to happen. Neither, almost certainly, do scores of winter accidents involving vehicles that can't be stopped on ice-glazed Ontario roadways.

Cars and trucks and school buses slide all over the place every winter because the Ontario government refuses to admit it might have been wrong when it banned studded tires 30 years ago.

The reins of government pass from party to party, but the province's bureaucrats soldier on, defending a policy based on research done a generation ago as though there had been no technological advances since then.

The argument against studs was a simple one; studs tear up the road surface. It is an argument that seems not to be true anymore.

Even now, a relaxation of the ban that may come out of the morass of Queen's Park isn't likely to do us much good. A

private member's bill, which may yet be taken up by the ruling Liberals, would bring back studs only in Northern Ontario.

North Ontario has yet to be defined for the purposes of the bill, but it is not likely to include Haliburton County. Not enough winter here, I guess.

The Northern restriction is wrong-headed in any case, says Peter G. Keith, a Calgary engineer who makes his living investigating and analyzing traffic accidents.

"There may be more days of bad driving in the North than in Toronto, but there are far more cars in Toronto," says Keith. "Some of the worst accidents I've worked on have been on the 401 through Toronto after freezing rain."

Keith is baffled by the province's intransigence in keeping itself one of the few stud-free zones in the parts of the world that have winter. "I have never seen anything as reprehensible," as the government's position, he says.

The province may have its reasons, chief among them pavement damage, but

the arguments put forth by Keith in a U.S. magazine called *Police Fleet Manager* are pretty persuasive.

Most of Keith's facts are from Scandinavia, which takes winter hazards so seriously that all-season radials are not an option for winter driving. The choice is between winter tires and studded tires; in Finland, about 85 per cent of cars ride on studs in winter.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Some of the nuts and bolts of Keith's essay:

New lightweight studs do much less damage to road surfaces. In Finland, the lighter studs and more durable pavements have combined to reduce the rate of road wear caused by studded tires by about 80 per cent over the past 40 years.

In Finland, which has about half the population of Ontario, a study shows that a drop from 90 to 20 per cent in the proportion of cars using studs would result in costs to society (mostly due to increased accidents) of about \$110-million (U.S.) No figure is available for the drop from 90 to Ontario's zero. Moreover, the Finnish comparison is to winter tires, not to our

all-season radials.

Designers of the studless winter tires must compromise between the quite different tread and rubber requirements for good handling on ice or in deep snow. Studs solve the ice side of the equation, so the tire itself can be designed to do well in snow, making the whole package much more effective on winter roads.

The difference studded tires make on ice has been measured. A Finnish magazine found that a car riding on studs on smooth ice at 30 miles per hour needs 131 feet to stop, compared to 179 feet for winter tires and 226 for all-seasons.

Another illustration from the same study, again on smooth ice at 30 miles per hour: Studded tires would need 131 feet to stop for an intersection. Starting to brake at that same distance, winter tires would sail through the intersection at 15 m.p.h., all seasons at 20 m.p.h.

Those are just numbers, facts to be used in debate. There should be no debate in a country that goes to such extraordinary lengths to protect human life.

A simple choice: Spend the money now to repair the road surfaces scarred by studs. Or spend it later to repair the people who slide into posts and trees and transport trucks.

Don Garbutt saves the day for Oshawa family

To the Editor:

My name is Kelly Bergshoeff and on January 19 my husband, daughters and I were up at our cottage in Carnarvon. Although the weather was just too cold (-32) to snowmobile with the kids, we decided to drive over to my sister's at Lake Kashagawigamog for dinner and socializing. As we were leaving my sister's place I tossed our maroon bag into the back of our truck.

When we got back to the cottage I went to retrieve the bag. It was gone. Realizing that it probably slid back out, my husband

and I retraced our steps (a half-hour drive) back to see if we could locate it on the road.

The bag contained my wallet with all of our birth certificates, money, identity cards, slippers and clothes; it also contained my daughter's meter to test her blood as she is a diabetic.

Although we travelled up and down the road, we did not locate the bag and assumed that it was lost.

So, without checking my daughter's

blood, we put her to bed and planned on leaving early in the morning so we could get back to Oshawa and test it with another meter we keep at home.

Well, wouldn't you know it. At 5:30 AM an OPP officer showed up at our cottage door and asked us if we had lost a bag on the road.

We could not believe it. Apparently Dan Garbutt from Highland Towing just happened to be driving on Highway 35 and noticed the bag sitting at the side of

the road. Dan got out of his vehicle (at -35) picked up the bag, drove to the closest OPP officer he could find, and handed the bag over.

The bag was returned to me with all of its contents, something we would not see at home.

I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to Dan Garbutt and thank him for going that extra mile to ensure that the bag was returned to the rightful owner. Dan is a true example of a Minden Gentleman. All the best Dan, take care

Kelly Bergshoeff
Oshawa

MORE LETTERS

Times readers write

High school parents concerned about bus decision

The following letter was first sent to the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's transportation manager, Bob Kaye about the TLDSB transportation policy – winter conditions

Dear Mr. Kaye,

On behalf of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Parent Council, I would like to share some concerns that were raised at our meeting on February 8th.

1) Decisions to Run Buses are Not Made Locally

The decision to run buses each morning is currently made outside of the Haliburton area. In the interest of our children's safety, we feel the actual decision-making should take place locally. Weather patterns often differ from those of surrounding areas and someone from this area could make a more informed decision.

Example: On December 13th, 2004 a decision was made to run the buses on a day that proved to have very dangerous road conditions.

We suggest the above policy be reviewed and revised.

2) Running Buses Despite 'Extreme Weather Warnings'

Currently our Board does not make decisions to run buses based on Environment Canada's extreme weather warning system.

Example: On the morning of January 12th, 2005, the roads were dry, but there was a very clear weather warning in 'red' on the Environment Canada website that we were going to receive substantial freezing rain. Surrounding Boards took a proactive approach and cancelled their buses for that day.

Our children in Haliburton County were put at considerable risk that day because the Board chose to ignore the extreme weather warning shown in 'red' by Environment Canada.

We suggest the Board use the 'Extreme Weather Warning' from Environment Canada as a criterion for decision-making.

3) Exposing Children to Extreme Cold Weather

An 'Extreme Cold Weather Transportation Policy' needs to be developed. Children are required to walk long distances to the school bus and home each day. On days when morning temperatures are minus 35 degrees Celsius and often accompanied with wind-chill warnings, our children are exposed to dangerous risks.

We suggest the Board develop an 'Extreme Cold Weather Transportation Policy'.

We recognize that Trillium Lakelands is an extremely large board and has unique issues because of its size and diversity. We feel that the above concerns are worth reviewing, as the safety of children must be our number one consideration.

The Parent Council of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School would welcome sharing our information and concerns and would like to invite you to attend our next

meeting on May 24th, 2005 at 7:00 pm at HHSS. Please RSVP to June Smith, 457-2950.

I want to thank you in advance for your consideration of these matters and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,
Marg Cox

Chairperson, Parent Council
Haliburton Highlands Secondary School



Sheryl Loucks/TIMES

Staff at Archie Stouffer Elementary School tried to keep students occupied on Monday afternoon after the school board decided to postpone the buses because of slippery road conditions.



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Pine Springs as site for septage needs re-thinking

The following letter was first sent to Gerald Bain, CAO, Township of Algonquin Highlands.

RE: Selection of a preferred design option for a hauled sewage (septage) management system

Dear Mr. Bain:

As you are aware from our previous correspondence, we own a cottage on Kushog Lake and are whole-heartedly against locating this proposed Septage Management System at the Pine Springs municipal waste disposal site.

We understand that Reeve Eleanor Harrison has stated that Pine Springs will not be chosen as the site if it is felt that Kushog Lake could be environmentally endangered by such a facility (which is within the Kushog Lake watershed).

Needless to say, there are many unanswered questions, some of which follow:

- How will property values on and around Kushog Lake be affected by this facility? It is our opinion that they will decrease dramatically!
- Why are only properties currently

owned by the township being considered? Is the site selection process valid when it considered only "township-owned properties"? Does it properly evaluate and consider all of the factors to determine the safest and most environmentally friendly location when the location choices are so limited? Will the selection result meet and/or exceed stringent independent standards for environmental safety? Has any consideration been given to purchasing/leasing land 5 or 6 km further along Pine Springs Road which would clearly be on the other side of the watershed and where the facility could be located at least the minimum of 20 meters away from the wetland boundary. This could protect the lake; however, the subject of future offensive odours (i.e. poor air quality) may not be adequately addressed by this possible solution. The road is already in existence and would only have to be upgraded.

- What will be the impact of additional harmful waste such as chemicals, medications and other unknown pollutants being dumped either knowingly or unknowingly into the facility and how will this waste be treated? Who will and how will this treat-

ment process be monitored?

- Considering Reeve Harrison's statement, what are the possible risks of environmental damage to Kushog Lake, one of Haliburton's best trout lakes, by locating a septage lagoon at Pine Springs?

- Have the ground waters around Pine Springs been analyzed considering all of the landfill impact indicator parameters given that there is already a landfill on this site? Apparently there is evidence that indicates that the Pine Springs waste disposal site is already leaking contaminants and locating a septage management system on this site would only compound the problem with more waste products seeping into the watershed and eventually into the lake.

- What potential impacts to surface water quality and air quality have been identified? Kushog Lake already has high phosphorous levels. Since Kushog Lake is a source of water for the Trent system, as the water level drops, there are increased concentration levels of contaminants in the natural run off. Also, we have never heard of a sewage lagoon that did not give off offensive odours!

• What concerns has the MOE identified with the Pine Springs site and why is this site even being considered when it has been declared one of the most significant wetlands in Ontario?

• Is septage spreading still destined to be phased out by June 2007?

• What is the status of the government's "white paper" which states that all levels of government should be responsible for doing all that they can do to "protect ground source water"?

Considering the public concern surrounding the location of this septage management system and the fact that the upcoming public information centre meeting is being held in the dead of winter (when cottagers and snowbirds are unlikely to attend), we suggest that minutes should be taken at the meeting and forwarded to all residents and concerned/interested parties either via email or by mail.

We look forward to receiving your reply.

Pamela and Donald Ridley
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For 8 years Andrea was Director of F&B at the venerable Royal Canadian Yacht Club (RCYC), a members-only establishment located on the Toronto Islands and in their winter home on St. George Street, Toronto.

Prior to the RCYC Andrea was Director of F&B/Catering Manager at the Bradgate Arms Hotel, a boutique-style property in Toronto. Previous industry experience includes senior F&B positions at the Best Western Carlton Place Hotel with additional rooms division experience at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto.

A Toronto native, Andrea's formal education includes the University of Waterloo, Ontario and the Hosta Ecole Hoteliere et de Tourisme in Leysin, Switzerland as a Graduate with Honours.

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Red-tailed Hawk 3
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Information Forums to discuss Future Funding of HHWT

The Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Committee (HHWT) in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the Township of Algonquin Highlands will be hosting Public Information Forums on the following dates and locations.

Date	Time	Invitation	Location
Feb. 19, 2005	1pm-3pm	Groups/Youth Camps	Stanhope Community Centre
Mar. 5, 2005	1pm-3pm	Commercial	Club 35, Halls Lake - Hwy 35
Apr. 16, 2005	10am-12pm	General Public	Stanhope Community Centre
May 21, 2005	10am-12pm	Property Owner Assoc.'s	Club 35, Halls Lake - Hwy 35
June 4, 2005	1pm-3pm	General Public	Dorset Recreation Centre

The **Information Forums** will provide information and seek public comment and suggestions on a proposal to develop and implement a user pay/reservation system for recreational users of the HHWT's management area, with the objective of creating a sustainable self-funded system in support of the long term recreational management of the area. Those activities include the maintenance and capital infrastructure of canoe routes, campsites, portages, access points and forest access roads specifically within the 26,985 hectare area historically known as the Frost Centre Area.

The HHWT's initial funding came from Ontario's Living Legacy Program which ended in 2004. As a result, the Township, HHWT Committee and MNR are working together too come up with funding options too be able to continue the HHWT Program too ensure that access to recreational opportunities continues and that the natural beauty and health of the Haliburton Highlands is sustained.

The Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Committee is made up of various stakeholder groups and individuals, including business and government bodies dedicated to the conservation, preservation and management of Crown and Municipal lands and their associated back-country recreational opportunities within the Haliburton Highlands.

The purpose of the committee is to provide assistance to the Township of Algonquin Highlands and the Ministry of Natural Resources in the protection, preservation and management of the area canoe routes, campsites, associated portages and access points.

In 2000, the committee was formed out of concern for the increasing environmental impacts of intensive use of the terrain and waters of local ecosystems.

For more information about these meetings or the HHWT, please contact:

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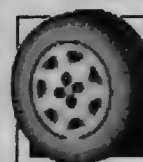
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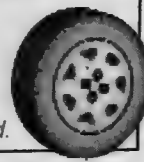
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Fewer birds in for the count

by DENNIS BARRY
Times Staff

For the second year in a row, birds were less than abundant during the 2004 Christmas Bird Count in Haliburton County. The five groups of people out counting on Saturday, December 18 found 39 kinds of birds, while folks reporting from their feeders and neighbourhoods added three more for a total of 42 species, a little below the average over recent years.

Wild turkeys increased in numbers again to a record level of 110, more than three times the previous high tallied last year. The largest concentration was around the south end of Horseshoe Lake. Many people thought that wild turkeys could not survive in Haliburton County due to deep snow and the lack of winter food. However, they have proven this to be incorrect. By visiting feeding stations and finding other food sources, they have managed to survive and even multiply.

Canada Geese, on the other hand, decreased in numbers on this count to only seven, with none in the Minden area. The Gull River through town was very low, and mostly frozen, so most of the geese must have moved south. Low water and ice made it impossible to canoe the river from Rotary Park to Gull Lake as usually happens. Despite less than ideal conditions, a single belted kingfisher was looking for open water to fish at Rotary Park. Kingfishers that winter are almost always males. If they survive, they get their pick of the best territories in spring.

Gull Lake still had some open water, mostly around Gull Rock and in Deep Bay. Two Common Loons were still holding out to the last minute. By Monday they would have had to move on as the lake froze completely.

Darren Lum/TIMES



Dave Bishop, Jim Hopkins and Thom Lambert are three of the volunteers who have participated in the annual Christmas Bird Count.

Loons require a fairly long stretch of open water to take off, so waiting too long to leave can be fatal. An adult bald eagle was also spotted along Gull Lake. It too would have had to move south to find open water for fishing.

A single gray jay was visiting a feeder near Mountain Lake, unusual in that most individuals of this species are found in the Kinmount, Irondale, Gelert, Lochlin portion of the count circle.

Finch numbers were down. Among the smaller finches, only common redpolls were widespread. Evening grosbeaks were reported at some feeders, but they didn't visit regularly. There were four times as many blue jays

reported as last year.

2005 is the last year for this edition of the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas to collect data on nesting birds. Owls that you hear or see now can be recorded. As well, any birds that you found nesting or with young over the past four years can be added to the data base of information that is already being used to determine how best to protect species that are declining in numbers.

Phone Ed Poropat at 457-3018, or Thom Lambert at 457-9110 or e-mail edporopat@halhinet.on.ca, singing-dog@sympatico.ca, or dbarry@interlinks.net to add your valuable information to the total, or for details on how to get involved during the spring and summer of 2005.

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Four-year-old Madison Allaire gets pushed by her mother Kelly during ASES electives day last week.

Winter's a winner on fun day



Archie Stouffer Elementary School gave students a choice of many fun winter activities last week. Students participated in making masks, playing guitar, and took advantage of warmer winter. Above Joey Findeis shows off his mask in progress. Joey was in the Mask & Mosaic class. At left, a group of students introduce themselves to the guitar.

Hatchery is fishing around for lake trout volunteers

Volunteers and professionals from the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters have joined forces to conduct scientific research studies on lake trout fisheries in Haliburton County.

The Haliburton Lake Trout Project is an exciting, community-based effort that promotes public awareness and stewardship in the management of our lake trout fisheries in Haliburton County. Community support and involvement are vital to the project's success.

The project needs volunteers. Professional individuals

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The project invites anyone interested in volunteering for these committees to attend a general information session on Thursday, Feb. 24, 7:00 p.m. at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery, County Road #1. For more information call the HHOA at 457-9664.

Minden Meet to Skate a time to shine

On February 12 and 13, the Minden Figure Skating Club hosted the Meet to Skate Invitational Skating Competition. Top three skaters advance to the Eastern Ontario StarSkate Invitational Championships in Nepean this weekend.

The following are the results of the Minden skaters.

KAITLIN ALLORE: Intermediate Pairs, 1st; Preliminary B Elements, 6th; Preliminary A Ladies, 6th

JENA BAILEY: Pre-Preliminary C Ladies, 6th

ALANA BANNISTER: Pre-Preliminary Dance, 1st; Introductory Interpretive, 8th; Preliminary "A" Elements 3rd; Pre-Preliminary "C" Ladies, 5th

SANDY BECKFORD: Intermediate Pairs, 2nd; Jr. Bronze "C" Ladies, 8th

DANIEL BOISVERT: Preliminary "B" Men, 2nd; Intermediate Pairs, 1st; Preliminary "B" Elements, 5th

Darren Lum/TIMES



Ashleigh Schollig shows off her 1st place medal for her performance in the Bronze Triathlon — includes three parts: skills, interpretative and a free skate. The lower the points the better. She earned four points and her next closest competitor earned six points. She also captured first in the Jr. Silver Ladies category.

JESSICA CARRELL: Introductory Interpretive, 6th; Pre-Preliminary "A" Ladies, 2nd; Preliminary "A" Elements 7th

MELISSA COOPER: Introductory Ladies, 4th

KATLYN DOIRON: Pre-Preliminary "A" Ladies, 6th

ADRIANNA ELLIS: Pre-Preliminary "C" Ladies, 3rd

STEPHANIE FOSTER: Intermediate Pairs, 2nd; Jr. Bronze "B" Ladies, 6th

DANA MANNING: Adult "A" Elements, 2nd

REBECCA NORTHEY: Pre-Preliminary "A" Ladies, 5th

BROOKE SAUNDERS: Introductory Interpretive, 7th; Pre-Preliminary "A" Ladies, 5th

ASHLEIGH SCHOLLIG: Bronze Triathlon, 1st; Jr. Silver Ladies, 1st.

KIRSTEN SCHOLLIG: Pre-Preliminary "D" Ladies 5th

The following are results of skaters from the Haliburton Figure Skating Club

JESSICA DUCHENE: Pre-Preliminary Dance, 2nd; Preliminary "A" Elements, 6th; Pre-Preliminary "C" Ladies, 5th; Introductory Pairs, 1st

SANDY GRIFFITH: Pre-Preliminary Dance, 2nd; Preliminary "A" Elements, 4th; Pre-Preliminary "C" Ladies, 3rd; Introductory Pairs, 1st

VICTORIA HALLIGAN: Adult "B" Elements, 1st

BRITTANY HICKS: Intermediate Pairs, 3rd; Sr. Bronze Ladies, 6th; Senior Bronze "A" Elements 2nd

KAREN KOEHLER: Adult "A" Elements, 3rd

TERRI-LYNN LUMLEY: Gold Interpretive, 1st

JILLIAN MAYHEW: Pre-Preliminary Dance, 4th; Preliminary "A" Elements, 3rd; Pre-Preliminary "B" Ladies, 5th; Introductory Pairs, 2nd

NATASHA MC GANN: Intermediate Pairs, 3rd; Jr. Silver Elements, 3rd; Pre-Novice Ladies, 3rd; Sr. Bronze Elements, 1st

SHANNON MC MURRAY: Pre-Preliminary Dance, 4th; Pre-Preliminary "A" Ladies, 1st; Introductory Pairs, 2nd; Preliminary "A" Elements, 6th

CHRIS O'MARA: Pre-Preliminary Dance, 1st; Introductory Men, 1st

SHANE OUTRAM: Jr. Bronze Elements, 3rd

CASEY PRINGLE: Pre-Preliminary "A" Ladies, 4th; Preliminary "A" Elements 4th; Introductory Pairs, 3rd

MINNA SCHLEIFENBAUM: Prelimin. "A" Ladies, 10th

SHYANNA SMITH: Pre-Preliminary Dance, 5th; Pre-Preliminary "A" Ladies, 5th

MOLLY THURSTON: Pre-Preliminary Dance, 5th; Preliminary "A" Elements, 7th; Introductory Pairs, 3rd; Pre-Preliminary "A" Ladies 4th



Chris O'Mara and Alana Bannister skate in the Pre-Preliminary Dance (canesta). The pair placed first.

Call for Proposals

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Contact U-Links to discuss your research needs and to have a proposal package sent to you ulinks@on.aibn.com.

Call for Presenters

On March 19th, U-Links will be hosting its annual Celebration of Research to showcase the research findings from student projects as well as other research that is taking place within our community. At this time we are inviting community organizations and businesses with research to share, to make a poster presentation at this "trade show" style event. Interested parties should contact Meghan Kennedy, Events Planner, before March 7th at ulinks_events@bellnet.ca for details.

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Do a home and personal safety check to get the most out of the winter season.

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Thursday Afternoon League

February 10

Men's scores:

High average: Ken Thompson 243

High single: Ken Thompson 291

High single H/C: Lindsay Ploughman 295

High triple: Ken Thompson 730

High triple H/C: Lindsay Ploughman 785

Women's scores:

High average: Beverley Alexander 178

High single: Beverley Alexander 231

High single H/C: Dee Maclean 300

High triple: Beverley Alexander 536

High triple H/C: Dee Maclean 696



This team from Omeme drove home with the top trophy, beating out 15 other teams. Team members include Skip Bert Third, Vice Ralph Heaslip, Second Wayne Manley and Lead Don Morrison.

Sixty-four curlers converge in Minden for 11th Annual Ridgewood Ford Bonspiel

On Tuesday, February 15th, 64 curlers from Bancroft, Beaverton, Bobcaygeon, Bracebridge, Haliburton, Huntsville, Lindsay, Omeme, Orillia, Port Hope and Woodville converged on the Minden Curling Club for the 11th annual Ridgewood Ford Senior Men's Curling Bonspiel.

This event, comprising 16 teams, generates a camaraderie among the curlers who experienced some keen competition. Between games, they enjoyed a home cooked dinner prepared and served by

MCC volunteers.

At the end of the day, the team from Omeme, a new entry this year, took the overall trophy. The team skipped by Bert Third, vice Ralph Heaslip, second Wayne Manley and lead Don Morrison, overcame some stiff competition to win this prestigious event.

The second place team overall, and winner of the first draw was the Minden team of skip Ted Wilkes, vice Dave McKay, second Jack Taylor and lead Jim Burrows.

The second place team in the first draw

was Ted Westlakes's team from Beaverton, with vice Bob Forsyth, second Ken Huntington and lead Bill Deguerre, and the second place team in the second draw was the team from Port Hope skipped by Peter Learmonth with vice Bill James, second, Bob Reid and lead, Bill Carrigan.

The Minden Curling Club would like to thank Larry Moynes and Ridgewood Ford for their continued support of this spiel which is one of the premier events of the Senior Men's Bonspiel circuit.



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Contract Documents will be available, for viewing only, at the County of Haliburton Roads Department office. Individuals or companies interested in obtaining a copy of the Contract Document and Drawings shall provide a certified cheque in the amount of fifty dollars - payable to the County of Haliburton Roads Department.

For further information contact:
Roy Haig, Engineering Services Manager at (705) 286-1762

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(Highway 118 Intersection to Maple View Complex)

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

The County of Haliburton is planning to tender the work associated with the proposed road improvement for the above-noted section of County Road 648. The nature of the improvements will include culvert removal and replacement, upgrading of the present traffic barrier and rehabilitation of the road structure through a base stabilization process.

The project is being planned as a Schedule B undertaking and in accordance with the requirements of the Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Road Projects.

For further information regarding the nature of the work, please direct inquiries to:

Mr. Roy L. Haig, Engineering Services Manager
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Contract drawings and documents will be made available for viewing at the County Roads Department Office in Minden and at the local municipal office in Wilberforce.

Input from residents within the project area and comment from the general public is invited and will be considered in the planning and rehabilitation of this section of county road. Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice, and the receipt of other necessary approvals, the County of Haliburton intends to proceed with the aforementioned improvements and be completed by July 29, 2005.

This Notice Issued February 18, 2005

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Wardens tell province to pay its bills

It's the first step in 'stable funding,' they say

In a meeting in Kingston in January, area MPPs and members of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus expressed their concerns about the provincial government's proposed "stable funding" formula.

"The Minister's letter of January 11 to all heads of councils is an illusion of sta-

ble funding", said Bob Sweet, chair of the caucus which includes Haliburton County Warden Jim McMahon and Warden of Renfrew County.

"The government promises that municipalities will receive as much funding as they got in 2004. The reality is that this level of funding is based upon 2002 costs

of programs that the province and municipalities cost-share, including ambulance, social services and the Ontario Disability Support program.

"The Wardens stand united in the demand that the province pay the more than \$12,000,000 they owe us as counties. We need to also remember that

many local municipalities will have similar problems". Sweet says that "If the Province does not pay their share of the costs for the previous two years our members will be facing double-digit tax increases. Our property taxpayers should not be required to shoulder the burden of provincial responsibilities.

This is neither appropriate nor tolerable."

The caucus also fully supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in its efforts to secure the 2003 and 2004 reconciliation monies and the development of a new municipal funding model that is not just a re-jigging of the current system," says Haliburton County Warden Jim McMahon.

The caucus wants a firm commitment from the government to pay municipalities the amounts owing by February 21, 2005. Counties are all preparing their budgets and must be assured that they will not be short of funding.

The Premier and members of cabinet were unable to attend the meeting. However, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing John Gerretsen will be making arrangements for a meeting with the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus in Toronto next month.

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus consists of the 12 Counties stretching from Northumberland in the west to Renfrew and Prescott Russell in the east along with the City of Kawartha Lakes.

YWCA seeks local women to serve as board directors

The YWCA of Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton is looking for local women to serve on the board of directors.

Francine Piche, YWCA branch president, says they are hoping to recruit from Haliburton County to strengthen representation from Haliburton. She says it is important to have that local representation because they are renovating the YWCA Women's Resource Centre in Minden and they are hoping to open a new HERS safe space for women this year.

Piche says the goal of the board is to build community support for this new service for women and children who have experienced violence and abuse. They want to develop a vision for the future that

addresses our "serious financial pressures with optimism and entrepreneurial spirit."

The programs delivered from the Minden site include the women's safety network, outreach and counselling, women's counselling and wellbeing, and transition support for women making a fresh start after leaving a violent relationship. The Peaceful Schools program also does anti-violence work in Haliburton County schools.

Piche says the YWCA believes in diversity and welcomes women from First Nations, those with disabilities, immigrant women and those that have used the services. They are seeking women with experience in team leadership, community

development, fundraising, and financial management.

She says that previous board experience is an asset but they are also seeking young women under the age of 30 that may not have as much experience. The position requires approximately six to 10 hours a month. Meetings are held in Peterborough on the third Tuesday of the month from September to June, with one meeting scheduled in Minden.

For more information contact the YWCA at 705 743-3526 or email info@ywcapeterborough.org. The YWCA will send an information package and the deadline to contact the YWCA regarding the position is March 29.

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Dave Daniel (foreground), Charles MacMurchy (in helmet), Jim Hicks, Jim Briggs, Chris Parle and Chris MacMurchy enjoyed a beautiful 529-mile snowmobile trip through the Highlands and Muskoka.

Scenery was breathtaking on Nippissing adventure

by BOB JOHNSON
Special to the Times

From the diary of Bob Johnson:
Snowmobile trip around Lake Nippissing.

At 9 a.m. last Thursday, nine sleds and 10 riders ranging in age from nine to 74 left Big Hawk Lake on their great adventure around Lake Nippissing. Dave Daniel, the oldest at 74, had already been out for two days before that with his son and granddaughter. The trails were in great shape most of the way. We saw some breathtaking scenery and, except for some back-tracking, a small repair on Ken's machine and me falling off my machine, the day went well.

After 171 miles we arrived at the Travelodge in North Bay about 6 p.m. where Chris MacMurchy's machine stopped. Jim Hicks found the problem — a bolt that held the track onto the sled had broken. Our luck was still holding, though. Home Depot was across the street. As John MacMurchy said, "I don't bring spare parts; I bring a mechanic," and Jim was our greatest asset.

Friday we headed for Port Loring. Eager

to continue our journey, we started out about 8 a.m. An hour later, young Chris' machine stopped again. This time the fan belt had broken and the engine was seized.

Improvising, seven sleds continued the ride while John towed his son Chris's machine back to North Bay. There he called his wife, Wendy, who was in Barrie. Trooper that she was, she drove to their cottage on Big Hawk Lake, picked up John's truck and trailer with two sleds on it, and drove to North Bay to meet John and Chris. She then transported them to Port Loring to meet up with the rest of the group. They arrived there around 6 p.m., about an hour before their fellow snowmobilers. Leaving her husband and son with the rest of their caravan, she drove back to Big Hawk, left the truck and trailer there, and drove home to Barrie. (What a woman!)

The next day we sleds travelled another 182 miles. Evening found us at Wilson Lake Resort where we were treated like kings. All ten of us slept in a fabulous cabin, beautifully rustic. Upon our arrival, the owners had a steak dinner, complete with apple pie, ready for us. The next morning our hostess made us a breakfast

worthy of the name. Everything was so terrific, we thought about staying there for the rest of the week.

Our plan for the third day was to go to Parry Sound, but the weather forecast for the fourth day said a high of 6°. That would have been a long day on rough tails, so we decided to head for Huntsville. It should be an easy day's ride. There were no problems that day, other than Jim had to change a drive belt on Dave's machine. We stopped at a small town for lunch. They had two restaurants but there had to be 100 sleds in the parking lot. We moved on hungry.

Arriving at Huntsville about 5 p.m., we had put in another 110-mile day. From there, both the trails and the weather were terrific. We rode a total of 529 miles and arrived home about 2 p.m. on Saturday.

I think the reason a lot of people do snowmobile trips is to capture the spirit of our forefathers. It's like saddling up your ponies in the morning and riding in search of new lands.

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly feature, please e-mail me at bjjohnson@sympatico.ca or call 705-489-3878.

It's time to Snowball, Snowball, Snowball!

DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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The Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival takes place this Friday and Saturday, February 18 and 19. Watch for your official Snowball brochure coming in the mail



Melissa Alfano

or have a look at www.dorsetsnowball.com for an up-to-the-minute list of events. Schedules can also be picked up at the Dorset Recreation Centre and local area businesses.

The Greenaway Family wishes to thank the community for their support during Jean's recent illness and passing. The phone

calls, visits, cards, words of comfort, and the comfort food, flowers, and donations in memory of, were all deeply appreciated.

Parents, be sure to bring an updated photo of your child to the Dorset Community Policing Child ID station in the Dorset Recreation Centre from 12 to 2 p.m. This is a great service and it's free. Please take advantage of Child I.D. — you can't afford not to.

Registration for the Snowball Adult Broomball Tournament is required by calling the Rec Centre at 766-9968. Don't miss out — space is limited. The Registration fee is \$10 in advance and \$20 on the day. Call today to register and for more information.

Call now to book your free computer lesson at the Dorset Community Access Program site in the Dorset Recreation Centre. For more information, call Carol at 766-9968. Don't miss out. This program ends March 30.

Dorset Playgroup meets at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Friday mornings. It's a good chance to get out and socialize for both children and caregivers. Drop in on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the multi-purpose room at the centre. Call Elise at 705-766-1382 for more information.

Call Ebba Russell at 705-766-2264 to book an appointment or to find out more about the foot clinic being held at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, February 23.

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Find great stuff at U-Links

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Where? At Lions Camp Dorset. When? On Wednesday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. by calling Esther at 705-766-2830.

The Haliburton County Public Library has in its collection a variety of U-Links reports. U-Links links organizations and businesses in Haliburton County with research needs to university and college students and professors interested in undertaking community-based research projects. These reports can be used as a resource for school projects, background information for a business idea or to learn about the Haliburton area in general.

You can find interesting information on the people and culture of this county as well as its history. Titles available for lending are posted on the website at www.libris.ca/hali, or do a Google search for the Haliburton County Public Library. Go to catalogue, change title to "any word", and type in U-Links. Learn about your community @ your library.

Birthday wishes for February 13 to 19 go out to Jordyn Nash, Kyle Jones, Sarina McKey and Lisa and Lindsey Dunn. Have a great day.

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

Answers to health questions could be just a phone call away

Ontarians should remember that an answer to many of their healthcare concerns is just a phone call away to Telehealth Ontario.

"You can get the right health care advice quickly by calling Telehealth Ontario, and possibly saving yourself a trip to the doctor's office or a hospital emergency department," said George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

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Please forward resume to:

The Township of Algonquin Highlands, Recreation
Dept., Box 99, Dorset, ON P0A 1E0.

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Al Mayo

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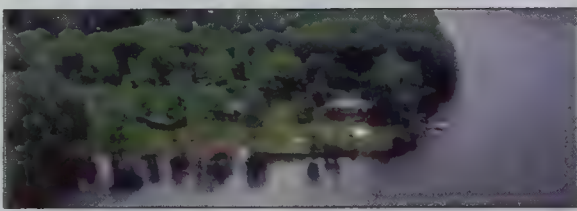
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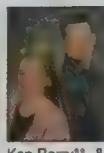


Rick Lowes*
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\$259,000



Ken Barry* & Deb Deremo*
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HALIBURTON LAKE
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Karen Nimigon*
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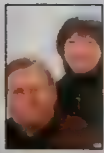


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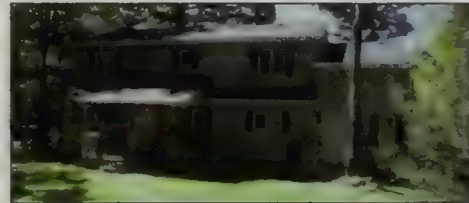


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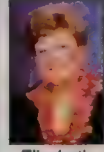
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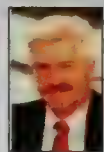
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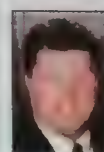
3 bedroom brick bungalow, pine country kitchen, open concept to living rm, F.A.O. heating & A/C, newer septic, attached 46' x 36' garage, great location for home business on Hwy #35.

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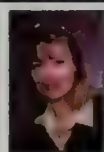
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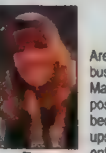
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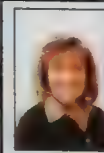
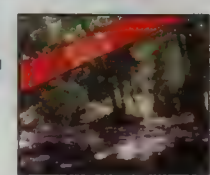
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WENONA LAKE

This charming and immaculate, 3 BR, well insulated, chalet has freshly painted int. walls, sanded pine floors, new carpeting & underpad, new appliances, new rear porch & 2 BR with W/O to decks. Cozy up by the airtight in the winter or wander over to the deeded access lot for a swim. 15 min. from town. It's a winner!

\$129,900



Linda Beachli*
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PINE STREET

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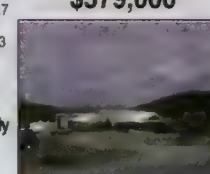
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\$359,000



Peter Brady*
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Hauled sewage topic of upcoming public meeting

The township of Algonquin Highlands is holding a public information meeting on Saturday, February 26, at 10 a.m. to allow residents "to consider design options identified by the municipality for managing hauled sewage."

Pine Springs and Maple Lake are being considered as two locations for the facility. The Kushog Lake Property Owners Association sends a reminder to their

membership, as well as to members of lake associations downstream, to make every effort to attend the meeting. Residents are urged to make known their

STANHOPE LIFE

Pauline Johnson

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concerns and opinions to the council about a facility near the headwaters of Kushog Lake, putting their concerns in writing, if they cannot attend. The meeting will be held at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall on North Shore Road.

The Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Committee, in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Algonquin Highlands, will be hosting a public information forum for groups and youth camps on Saturday, February 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Stanhope Community Centre. This is one in a series of forums that will provide information and seek public input on a proposal to develop and implement a user pay/reservation system for recreational users of the HHWT's management area.

One of the ways you can be involved is to fill out a public consultation survey. This can be found at the Algonquin Highlands website at www.algonquin-highlands.on.ca.

Trails & Tours is sponsoring another snowshoeing workshop on Saturday, February 26 at YMCA Camp Wanakita. The workshop provides instruction on basic technique with an opportunity to put

your new skills to the test out on the trails. The price includes gear and lunch. The cost for members is \$50, non-members \$65. A couple of friendly reminders: if you are going out solo, do not use groomed ski trails for snowshoeing and remember that trails are used at your own risk.

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild invites all fibre artists (weavers, rug hookers, knitters etc.) to join them for a drop-in work session at Club 35 at Halls Lake on Feb. 22. Participants should bring a project to work on and a brown bag lunch. Share ideas and friendships. Everyone is welcome.

On Friday, Feb. 25 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. the Christian Writers' Circle meets near Carnarvon. Please call Ruth Carter at 489-1671, if you are planning to attend. For those who prefer to attend a writing circle during the day, The Haliburton Writers' Circle meets on Thursday, February 24 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the home of Sneh Chakraburty. Call Sneh at 286-3984 for directions. Check out the website of The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network at www.hhwen.org for times and locations of other writing circles in the county.

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April Wine's Carl Dixon at Lounge Café

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Those who have tots with talent should take them to the next Kids Open Stage at the Café Lounge on Sunday, February 27 at 2 p.m. The special guest host for the day will be Carl Dixon, who is currently touring with that great Canadian band, April Wine. The Kids Open Stage is for ages 2 years to 12 years young. Come and perform or just come to listen. Who knows, we may see a Camarvon Idol in the near future.

On the adult scene, check out the Fire House Restaurant with karaoke on Friday, Feb. 18 and featuring Sherri Hawkins and the Wise Guys on Saturday, Feb. 19.

Bob Johnson, of Halls Lake, shares his experiences on a recent snowmobile trip with friends from Big Hawk Lake. They had so much fun they have scheduled another two trips with John MacMurphy as tour guide.

To submit any item of interest to the Stanhope Life column, please e-mail me at bpjohnson@sympatico.ca or call 705-489-3878.

Lance Crossley/TIMES



A grand donation

Club 35 has donated \$1,000 to the Stanhope fire officials in order to help the department purchase auto extrication equipment. From left to right: Ryan Reesor, Club 35 treasurer Jean Dutka, Algonquin Highlands Fire Chief John Hogg, Club 35 president Stan Dutka, and Robert Sargent.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

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DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office (Council Chambers)
7 Milne Street
Minden, Ontario
Applicant: Kuciks & Flater (Miners Bay Variety)
File No.: RZ-05-05

DETAILS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

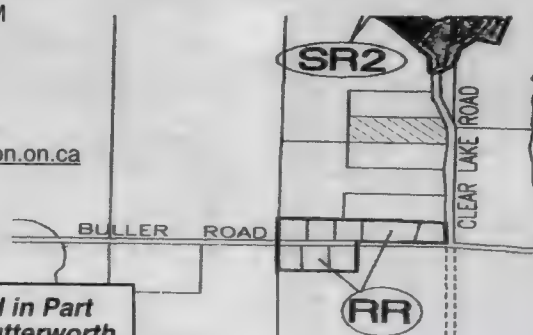
The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend The Restricted Area (Zoning) By-Law No. 4-81 as amended, to rezone lands described as Part of Lot 16, Concession 4, in the Geographic Township of Lutterworth from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Highway Commercial Exception (C1*) Zone. The purpose of the exception is to permit an expansion of a variety store currently being operated as a home occupation in a Rural zone, into a general store together with various recreational uses. A modified highway commercial zone is required.

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Additional information regarding the proposed zoning by-law is available to the public for inspection at the Municipality of Minden Hills Planning Department located at 11445 Highway 35 the former Lutterworth Municipal Office on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Date of this Notice: February 18, 2005
(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, CMO, CMM
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**Subject Lands: Located in Part
Lot 16, Concession 4 - Lutterworth**

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Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office (Council Chambers)
7 Milne Street
Minden, Ontario
Applicant: STUCKLESS: Richard and Marcia (Joe Graham, Agent)
File No.: RZ-05-07

DETAILS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend By-law 86-26 as amended, to rezone lands described as Part of Lot 23, Concession 1, in the Geographic Township of Minden from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Aggregate Extraction (AE) Zone. The applicants are proposing to rezone a portion of property to permit Mineral and Aggregate Extraction including the processing of materials such as screening, sorting, washing, crushing and stockpiling together with blasting of rock as required.

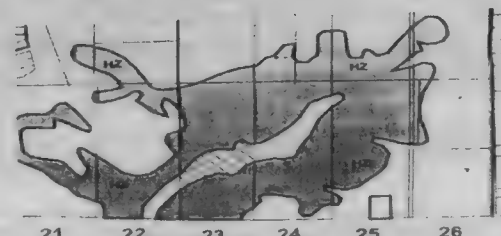
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**Subject Lands:
Part Lot 23, Concession 1
Minden Township**



Country folk need to get up and boogie

Apparently we're just not getting enough exercise

Another wake-up call, this time from the Heart & Stroke Foundation, to shake us rural dwellers out of any sense of complacency. Life in the country is not all good, life in the city is not all bad. According to researchers country folk are not getting enough exercise. Apparently they are more dependent on cars and school buses than urbanites using public transport or within walking distance of their destination.

So, if not guaranteed fitness, what are the benefits of living in small town Ontario? Just read Jerry Grozelle's gracious exit editorial in the February 11 issue of *The Times*. He speaks of the volunteer efforts by so many individuals, service clubs and organizations to the "betterment of their community." Be it in the arts field, enrichment of outdoor opportunities, caring for the needs of children and their families or fundraising for our medical facilities, this area is indeed richly blessed.

It was Jerry who encouraged me to write this column and it was Jerry whose good-natured support has continued to make it a satisfying activity. So this Column #167 includes a special thank-you to him for all his efforts in support of our communities through recognition



AROUND THE TOWN

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and coverage of their many events.

I've kept a copy of his words of wisdom sent prior to Column #1. Some of my favourites: use exclamation marks (!) sparingly [never more than one], consider it a type of swearing; NEVER WRITE EVERYTHING IN ALL CAPS; beware the misplaced apostrophe; and there's no such thing as very or really unique. It's either unique or it's not. To heck with it. Jerry you are REALLY UNIQUE AND YOU'LL BE GREATLY MISSED!!!!

Excitement is building for the Kinmount Winterfest this Saturday, Feb. 19, with activities at the community centre and the fairgrounds. Start off with a tasty pancake breakfast and country raffle at the centre from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and come back later in the evening for the dance. At the fairgrounds there will be a variety of outdoor events and fabulous food for the whole family. For more information call 488-9954.

Kinmount Legion Branch 441 will be a busy place holding a karaoke with Back

Forty on Saturday, Feb. 19 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and the following weekend a country and western concert & dance on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. The concert will feature Donny Anderson, Kristen Clark, Nikki English and Kirby Sproule and tickets are only \$6.

The churches of Kinmount will be holding a World Day of Prayer service at Kinmount United Church on Friday, March 4 at 2 p.m. This year's featured country is Poland. All are welcome to attend.

Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together. Please note that some Monday events were cancelled due to the weather conditions.

February 9 bid euchre at Stanhope: Eleven moonshots rained down on Leroy Mowat, Cliff Davison, Pearl Foster, Kevin Maloney, Percy Butler, Jean Dutka, Bill Milford, Trudy Kroes and Roy Knapp along with Jean and Pat Scadden. Mary Pearson led the pinks at

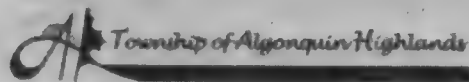
312 with Margaret Bull 284 second and Pearl Foster 263 third. For the white cards Stan Hill was tops at 297 then Cliff Davison 264 and Peter Farr 252.

February 9 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell system the top three pairs were Joan Galley and Mike Collins at 60%, Barbara Baxter partnered with Bill Sandford at 59% and Margo Davidson and Doug McIntosh at 56%.

February 9 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: For the ladies it was our reporter Mildred St. Thomas with the high score and Joanne Freeman the low. Harold Harvie was tops for the gents while Truman McNeil recorded the low. Mildred also won for most lone hands and Emily Harvie took home the special prize.

February 10 euchre at the Minden Legion: For most lone hands the winners were our reporter May Bradbury and Martha Harding. High scores were a

see AWARD page 24



NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE NO. 4 TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

SELECTION OF A PREFERRED DESIGN OPTION FOR A HAULED SEWAGE (SEPTAGE) MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Township of Algonquin Highlands invites you to a Public Information Centre to consider Design Options identified by the municipality for managing hauled sewage. Hauled sewage (septage) is the term used for the contents pumped from your septic tank or holding tank. This meeting is the fourth in a series of public events hosted by the municipality, as part of the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) being conducted by the municipality. The Identification and Evaluation of Alternative Design Options and Selection of a Preferred Design Option constitute Phase III of the Class EA.

Saturday February 26, 2005
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

at
Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall,
North Shore Road

The municipality is considering three Design Options, including a *Waterloo Biofilter System*, a constructed wetland, and facultative lagoons. All three options include full on-site primary and secondary treatment of hauled sewage. Existing municipal waste disposal sites at Pine Springs and Maple Lake are being considered as possible locations for development of the facility. The screening criteria used to evaluate the Design Options and to select a preferred location will be outlined at the meeting, as will information about each Design Option.

Public opinion and comment is an important component of the Class EA process. The municipality will consider input received from the public at the meeting, in the final selection of a Preferred Design Option. If concerns arise which cannot be resolved through discussions with the Township, a person may request that the Minister of Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part 2 order), which addresses individual environmental assessments.

Information regarding the Township of Algonquin Highlands Hauled Sewage (Septage) Management System is available on the Township's web site:
<http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca>

Dated at the Township of Algonquin Highlands on the 29th day of January, 2005

Gerald Bain
Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk
Township of Algonquin Highlands
R.R.#2, North Shore Road
Minden Ontario K0M 2K0



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DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Thursday, March 10, 2005
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office (Council Chambers)
7 Milne Street
Minden, Ontario
Applicant: GRAHAM: Ruby, Norman and Neil (Joe Graham, Agent)
File No.: RZ-05-06

DETAILS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend By-law 3-78 as amended, to rezone lands described as Part of Lot 21 and 22, Concession 14, in the Geographic Township of Snowdon from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Extractive Industrial (MX) Zone. The applicants are proposing to rezone a portion of property to permit an aggregate crushing plant, an aggregate storage area, a gravel pit, an operation for the screening, washing or classifying of aggregate and a stone quarry.

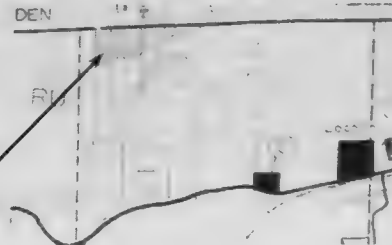
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Subject Lands: Part Lot 21 and 22,
Concession 14 - Snowdon Township



Award proves that all good things do so come to those who wait

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family affair going to Lorna and Don Hicks while Elaine Yeo and Kevin Maloney recorded the lows. Other prizes went to Shirley Howe, Kay Orr, Marcel Roussel and Tom Grix.

February 11 euchre at Staanworth Court: Doreen Francis reports it was Martha Harding winning for high hands, Ruth Kellett for lone hands and Verna McDonald for low hands. The special draw went to Pat Bailey. Best wishes from all her friends at the Court are sent along to June Branning who does so much for others.

February 11 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills: Using the Howell method there was a tie for first place at 60% between Margo Davidson and Stella McMillan and Reet Murray partnered with Bill Sandford. At 54% Muriel and Doug McIntosh took third spot.

February 12 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace: Thelma Francis and Edith Burch took the afternoon's moonshots. Pearl Cowen had the highest score of 296 followed by George Bye 272, Marcel Roussel 236 and Helen Luffman 229. The draw winners were Edith Burch, Ida Young, Emily Harvie

and Thelma Francis Thanks to Gala Stamp for this update.

February 14 at Club 35: To celebrate Valentine's Day Club 35 had dinner followed by both euchre and bid euchre. In euchre Pearl Kernohan held the most lone hands and was high lady with Ivan Kernohan high man. Our reporter Mary Pearson and husband Tom had the low scores while Leroy Mowat won the baloney. In bid euchre Marjorie Cowen took the only moonshot with Percy Butler uncovering the hidden score. Tied for the pink top spot were Sharon Evans and Marjorie Cowen at 253 with Marion Farr next at 209 and Jean Randell 206 third. Leading the white cards at 277 was Rob Evans then Jack Cox 243 and Pat Scadden 219.

February 14 euchre at Staanworth Terrace: High hand honours went to our reporter Elaine Yeo with Helen Skelding winning for low hands and Hazel Dorman both for lone hands and the special prize. From all her friends at the Terrace good wishes are sent along to that very special lady June Branning.

February 15 bid euchre at the Minden Legion: Topping the charts was Marcel Roussel at 354 with Ida Young

289 second and Kevin Maloney 288 a close third. Ida Young, Trudy Kroes, Gala Stamp and Sharon and Rob Evans had the moonshots with Elli Langpohl, Edith Burch, Gala Stamp and our reporter Pat Scadden holding the hidden scores.

February 15 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were two Slams by Jan Heaven and Ross Fletcher and Stella McMillan partnered with Ross Davies. Ross Davies led the scoring at 7520 followed by Harold Cox 7130, Stella McMillan 7120 and Margo Davidson 5490. Dave Heaven won the lucky draw and Ev Morgan took home the Shiny Penny. For Ross Davies it was the A.T.C.T.T.W.W. Award proving that All Things Come To Those Who Wait.

February 15 euchre at the Lochlin Community Centre: Representing the gents Hazel Benetin recorded the high score and Mary Wilkins the low. For the ladies it was Gala Stamp taking the high and Inge Walters the low while Ted Wilkins held the most lone hands and Emily Harvie won the special draw. Thanks to Barb Carpenter for this update.

February 15 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: In first was the duo of Helen Skelding and Paul Poulton at 410 then in second at 408 Shirley Alderton and George Hamilton.

Sandy Poulton teamed with Hazel Dorman took third spot at 335 while Marj Hamilton and Flo Roussel had the afternoon's low of 178.

Don't miss Frost Centre CD launch Saturday night

If you haven't got a ticket yet for tomorrow night's Frost Centre concert and CD launch, you will be able to purchase one (or two, or three) at the door.

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Archibald's other recent musical *The Perilous Pirate's Daughter* (co-written by Anne Chislett) was performed at the Blyth Festival and the Thousand Islands Playhouse in 2003 and will be in Haliburton Highlands Summer festival in 2005.

This benefit concert also features Kate Campbell, the star of last summer's highly acclaimed *Sound of Music* at the Highlands Summer Festival. She will be accompanied by the talented Melissa Stephens.

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For more information call the HHOA at 457-9664.

We hope you can join us....!!



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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, February 24, 2005 at the hour of 3:00 pm., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. 89-07
Applicant - **PRIEST: Doug and Margaret**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 10, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7958, registered December 20, 2004.
2. File No. 04-06
Applicant - **KELLETT: Allan Glenn**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull River, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 13, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 8 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7469, registered December 13, 2002.
3. File No. 04-32
Applicant - **BARNES: Gordon and Nancy**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of East Moore Lake, lying in front of Lot 22, Concession 5, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7967, registered January 18, 2005.
4. File No. 04-16
Applicant - **MILLER: James, M.**
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 5, Concession 5, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 3 on a Plan of Survey 19R-3352, registered July 26, 1985.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the former Lutterworth Municipal Office, 11445 Hwy. #35 South of Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 11th day of February, 2005.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, CMO, CMM
Planning Administrator

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS.

In the matter of the Estate of **CHARLES HENRY (HARRY) CAMPBELL**, deceased.

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of Charles Henry (Harry) Campbell, late of the Township of Anson, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 27th day of January 2003, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitors for the said Estate on or before the 15th day of March, 2005.

AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Executors for the Estate shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 9th day of February, 2005 by **BISHOP AND ROGERS**, Barristers and Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0.

Solicitors for the Executors of the Estate of Charles Henry (Harry) Campbell.

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Your heart can be empty because you can't see her or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only that she's gone or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back or you can do what she'd want:

Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Missed dearly by daughter **Margaret**, son-in-law **John Tebbutt** & granddaughter **Tanya**.

CAMPBELL, TERRY - In memory of a dear friend Terry Campbell Feb. 17, 2000.

Silent thoughts of times together

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And too many tears to count Your resting place we visit Place items there with care But no one knows the heartache

As we turn to leave you there Forever in our hearts Love **Barbara, David, Ryan, Jessica and Kayla**.

450 IN MEMORIAM

MACKIE, STEVE - February 22, 2004.

A year has passed since you left here

An emptiness is felt You could not face or persevere the hand that you were dealt

We're slowly learning to carry on without your presence here But as we do, not a day goes by that we don't feel you near.

Your friends and fellow employees at **Kernohan Service Centre**.

KENT, IRENE In Loving memory of Mom, Irene, who passed away Friday, February 13, 1972.

Your loving memories, I will always keep Loved and missed by your daughter, **Audrey Reynolds**.

460 OBITUARIES

DENIS ROY ARBOUR

April 7, 1982 - February 4, 2005

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Denis. Loving son of Cathy and Dan Arbour, dear brother of Daryl. He will be greatly missed by his grandmother and best friend Beverly Gilmour. Denis also leaves behind his grandparents Mae and Bernard Arbour, Gary and Beula Lanigan and great grandmother Violet Nelson "Nana". He will be sadly missed by his aunts and uncles Kelly and Peter Harpley, Jim and Janis Lanigan, Robin and Ed Pankhurst, John and Diane Arbour and by all his cousins and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Monday evening from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. Spring Interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon. Memorial Donations to the Toronto Western Hospital Hand Clinic (Dr. Linda Dvali) or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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BARTLEY, TREVOR WILLIAM

- After a courageous battle with Cancer on Wednesday morning, February 9, 2005 with family by his side in his 15th year. Loving son of Terry and Angela (Grozelle). Dear brother of Jason and Caitlin. Lovingly remembered by his grandparents Earl and Doris Bartley, Randy and June Grozelle and his great grandmothers Vivian Anderson and Effie Grozelle. Survived by many aunts, uncles and his numerous cousins. He will be sadly missed by his puppy "Dakota." Friends called at the Coboconk Community Funeral Home, Hwy. #35, Coboconk, Ontario (705) 454-3913 on Friday afternoon, February 11, 2005 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Then to Norland United Church, Hwy. #35, Norland, Ontario on Saturday morning, February 12, 2005 for Funeral Service at 11 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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AT REST

BETTY WANDA KNOWLTON-D'AMBROSIO Passed away peacefully at home in Carnarvon on Wednesday, February 9, 2005.

Beloved wife of the late Thomas Joseph Knowlton. Dear mother of Glen and Linda Ogletree, Marlene and Claudio Mestroni, Marie and David James, Edward and Lydia Knowlton and predeceased by Jim. Mother-in-law of Joanne Valao. Loving grandmother of Laura, (Matthew), Anthony, Marissa, Eddie, Kim, Kyle and great grandmother of Nicholas and Jonathan. Dear sister of Mary, Gloria, Agnes, Vivian, Shirley-Anne, Ethel, Laura and predeceased by Doris, Donna, Kathleen and Bill. Fondly remembered by the Knowlton family and her many nieces and nephews. Marlene and family would like to thank all of Betty's wonderful euchre friends from Club 35 and the Stanhope Community Centre for their friendship and support of Betty and her daughter Marlene. Friends and Family are invited to a Graveside Service at the Holy Cross Cemetery, 8361 Yonge St., Thornhill on Saturday, February 19, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers Memorial donations to the Haliburton Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0.

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RICHARD FREDERICK "Dick" THOMPSON

Passed away suddenly at home in Haliburton on Thursday, February 10, 2005 At the age of 76.

Beloved husband of Sylvia (nee Stewart, dear father of Nancy (Richard) Tamas, Laurie (John) Tamas, Barbara (Richard) Hughes, Timothy, and step-father of Beth Rice (Howard Myers), Stewart (Joanne) Ralph, Martha (Max) Schoemer. Loving grandfather of David and Amanda Tamas, Samantha Tamas, Valerie and Adam Thompson, and Ken Ralph. Dear brother of Robert (Lyn) Thompson and predeceased by Roger and brother-in-law of Muriel (Philip) Crowder, George (Marion) Stewart. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends in Canada and the United States. Friends were invited to visit the family at the St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton on Monday, February 14, 2005 from 1 p.m. until time of Memorial Service at 2 p.m. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers Memorial donations to the CNIB or to the Haliburton Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0 (1-888) 588-5777.

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- **Feb. 19:** An evening with David Archibald and friends featuring special guests Kate Campbell and Melissa Stephens. Everyone's invited to join Perma-Frost and Friends of the Frost Centre for the launch of David Archibald's new CD, St. Nora's Tower, and a rousing multi-media musical tribute to the life, lore and landscapes of the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre. Sat., Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. at the Northern Lights Pavilion. Tickets are available at the Echo, the Minden Times and the Trails and Tours Network office in Carnarvon. For more info. call Barrie Martin at 754-3436.
- **Feb. 21:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton. Mon., Feb. 21, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., Hyland Crest Meeting Classroom in Minden. Please call Janet Bottum at the Alzheimer Society Office 457-8335.
- **Feb. 21:** Beginner Taoist Tai Chi starts Mon., Feb. 21, 7-8:30 p.m. Hyland Crest Auditorium, Minden. First class is free! Call Ginny at 489-2996.
- **Feb. 22:** Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild invites all fibre artists (weavers, rug hookers, knitters, etc.) to join them for a drop-in work session at Club 35 at Halls' Lake. Bring a project to work on and a brown bag lunch. Small admission. Everyone welcome.
- **Feb. 24:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton. Thursday, February 24, 10 a.m. - Noon, Caring With Confidence being held at Haliburton Home Support office. Please call Janet Bottum at the Alzheimer Society Office 457-2941 to register.
- **Feb. 26:** Snowshoeing at YMCA Camp Wanakita - The Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network has once again partnered with outdoor centres to present a series of winter workshops. Each workshop runs from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Includes lunch and all the gear you'll need for the day. Space for all workshops is limited so register in advance, 489-4049.
- **Feb. 26:** Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists - Join us for a snowshoe and animals tracking hike, Saturday, Feb. 26. Meet at Sheila's at 10:00 a.m. Call 754-2532.
- **Mar. 2:** Beginner Taoist Tai Chi starts Wed., Mar. 2, 11:45 - 1:15 p.m. Hyland Crest Auditorium, Minden. First class is free! Ginny at 489-2996.
- **Mar. 2, 9, 16:** St. Paul's Minden - Lenten Service and Toonie Lunch in aid of Minden Food Bank is at 12 p.m. Different speaker at each service.
- **Mar. 5:** 4th Annual Irondale Ice Fishing Derby, Saturday, March 5. Registration- Irondale Community Centre. Entry fee. Largest walleye wins. Lots of other prizes. More info., call Theresia or Russ at 447-3103.
- **Mar. 16:** Big Buck Bid Euchre - Come join us for some fun at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441, Kinmount, Ontario. Held the third Wednesday of the Month. Hope to see you soon. For info. call Alice 488-3271.
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- **Royal Canadian Legion**, Branch 636, Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., except for the months of January and February.
- **Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, and other card games?** Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
- **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years and over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call (705) 328-6175.
- Did you know that Haliburton Home Support has delicious, nutritious frozen meals available anytime right in their office in the Halco Plaza. These frozen meals can also be delivered right to your door, anywhere in Haliburton County every Thursday morning at no charge. Drop in and pick up a menu. This service is available to seniors 55+ and physically disabled adults. For info. call 457-2941.
- For women experiencing any type of abuse, call the YWCA Crisis Line at 286-6442 or (800) 461-7656.
- Haliburton Seniors Club meet every Thursday at noon at the Haliburton Legion, Br. 129. Sandwiches and goodies. Every 2nd Thursday is Potluck.
- The Ontario Early Years Centres in Haliburton and in Minden will now be open Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drop-in for crafts, circle time and fun activities for children ages 0-6. Free toy and book lending library. Call 286-1770 or 457-2989 for more information.
- If you are a senior (55+) or a physically disabled adult (18+) and like to play cards, Home Support offers Contract Bridge every Monday afternoon at 1 p.m., Bid Euchre is offered every Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m. and Cribbage is offered every Friday at 1 p.m. If you would like more information on activities available through Home Support, please call Ida at 457-2941.
- Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group monthly meeting. Held the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info. call Rick Ratcliff 286-6699.
- Every Wednesday: Gooderham Branch, Haliburton County Public Library. Story circle at 11:30 a.m. on Pine St., in downtown Gooderham. 457-2241 or 447-3163.
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets on Mondays at the Home Support Office (Halco Mall). Weigh in 9:30 - 10 a.m. followed by a meeting until 11 a.m. For further information please call Donna Medland 754-4464 or Judy Carpenter 489-3027.

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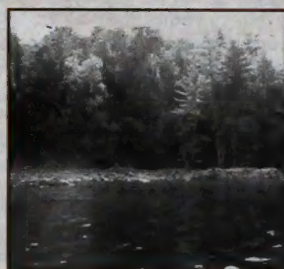


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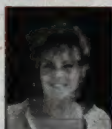


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